

GERMANY HOWLANTIC

England Meet Demand; Halts Seizures

TEST CASE IS PLANNED FOR U.S.

Steamers of American Trans-Atlantic Co. Are Not to Be Requisitioned.

PRIZE COURT TO DECIDE CASES

Ships Hocking and Genesee Are Held To Determine Who Real Owners Are.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Ambassador Page at London advised the state department today that Great Britain had acceded to the American protest against requisitioning of ships of the American Trans-Atlantic company.

Test cases will be made of the steamers Hocking and Genesee, which will not be requisitioned, but held pending decision of the prize court. In the meantime Great Britain assures the United States that no other vessels of the company will be seized.

Speedy Trial Expected.

Secretary of state Lansing in announcing receipt of ambassador Page's dispatch, said Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, also had informed him today of the decision of the prize court.

A speedy trial of the test cases is expected.

Announcement of Great Britain's action was well received in official circles.

The Hocking and the Genesee as well as other ships belonging to the American company were seized because of suspicion that a part of the money with which they were bought and registered under the American flag came indirectly from Germany.

The company has denied this absolutely.

CLAIM CONSULS INVOLVED IN VON RINTELIN PLOT

New York, Dec. 9.—"Things are ailing" in the government investigation into the alleged activities of Franz von Rintelin and his associates in inciting strikes in munitions factories, it was learned today from federal officials in charge of the inquiry.

It was announced today that the grand jury which is investigating the case would probably not be reconvened before next week and that a large number of new witnesses would appear before it.

For the first time today it was officially admitted that certain German and Austrian consuls may be mentioned in the report of the grand jury.

COMMUNIPAW, NOT SUNK

SAILOS FOR U. S. REPORT

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—The American oil steamer Communipaw, reported to have been sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for New York on December 8, according to an announcement by Lloyd's.

The first report that the Communipaw had been sunk was received December 7. It would appear, therefore, that the tanker has been confused with some other vessel which was sunk.

KITCHENER AND GREY TO CONFER WITH FRANCE

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—Sir Edward Grey, the secretary for foreign affairs, and field marshal earl Kitchener, the secretary for war, went to Paris Wednesday to confer with the French government. It was officially announced this afternoon that the general council of war has been in progress there for several days.

ASKS DISAVOWAL OF ANCONA ACT

U. S. Sends Strong Protest to Austria Along Line of the Notes to Germany.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Announcement is being awaited at the state department that the American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by a submarine has been delivered to the foreign office.

The note, the sending of which to Austria has just been announced, asks a disavowal of the act, some kind of punishment for the submarine commander, assurances that the act will not be repeated, and reparation for the loss of American lives. It was cabled Wednesday to ambassador Penfield for presentation to the Austro-Hungarian government.

In dispatching the note, secretary of state Lansing acted with the full approval of president Wilson.

The Ancona was sunk in the Mediterranean November 9, while bound from Naples to New York. It was stated that the liner was shelled and then torpedoed while the passengers and crew were scrambling into the boats.

HUGE ENGLISH FORMED

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about 2,000,000 men, was formed today for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting wages and condition of work.

The organizations comprising the alliance are the Miners' Federation, the National Union of Railway Men, and the National Transport Workers' union.

ENGLAND WILL PRACTICE SOCIALISM IN ONE TOWN

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—It is announced that in one unnamed town in the north of England, a unique experiment in practical socialism will be undertaken. In that town 20,000 men will soon be employed in making munitions.

To provide for the men and prevent extortionate practices, the government has acquired all stores and shops in the district and will either allow the proprietors to sell goods under license or will, in most cases, run the shops under direct control of the government. The government will thus be butcher, baker, grocer, milkman and barber to the whole population.

All the saloons, thirty in number, have been bought by the government. Some of them will continue the sale of intoxicants under close restrictions while others will be turned into lodging houses.

FRENCH SHELLS EXPLODE GERMAN MUNITIONS DEPOT

Paris, France, Dec. 9.—In the Champagne district, French artillery has caused the explosion of a German depot of munitions at a point near Souplet, according to announcement by the French war office.

ALLIES ARE PREPARING TO AGAIN EQUIP SERBS

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—The British and French governments have arranged to again equip the Serbian army, which has sought refuge in Albania, and the first consignment of supplies has arrived in Albania, according to a dispatch to the Times from Saloniki, Greece.

BRITONS RUSH TO ENLIST

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—With the approach of the time limit for the expiration of the call of the Serbian army, there has been a tremendous rush during the last two days of new recruits to secure the benefit of the group system, which permits recruits to enlist for deferred service.

COSSACKS SEIZE GERMAN STAFF

Detachment Works Way Past Teutonic Lines and Effects Capture.

Petrograd, Russia, Dec. 9.—The entire staff of the 22d German army division was captured by Russian scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts which have just been received.

Under cover of darkness a small company of scouts worked its way past the German trenches toward the German base. Emerging from a wood, the scouts found themselves close to a village. They stopped and sent forward a reconnoitering party.

The latter soon came upon a German sentry, who gave the alarm. Ten minutes later a German cavalry squadron galloped out of the village followed by two companies of Austrian landsturm troops. The Russians meanwhile had dismounted, hiding their horses and concealing themselves.

The German sentry, who gave the alarm, was killed. The Russian scouts, who were armed with revolvers and pistols, opened fire. The German troops, who were in a state of confusion, fled in all directions. The Russian scouts followed them, killing many of them. The German staff, which was in a state of confusion, fled in all directions. The Russian scouts followed them, killing many of them.

TEUTONS ARE AMBUSHED

The Germans and Austrians fell into the ambush and became panic-stricken when the Russians opened fire. The Russians, following on foot into the village, came upon a large estate and through the windows of the mansion made out the figures of German officers.

A rush for the doors of the mansion was made by ten Cossacks, the account continues, and so quick was the progress of the attack that the Germans did not have time to secure their coats and furs before they were hustled outside to the Russian lines. The whole incident took place in less than 15 minutes.

It is stated that the captured staff included two generals, seven colonels, staff officers and several Red Cross physicians. One colonel was killed in attempting to escape.

STATE ATTORNEY FORESTALLS ANY SUCH ACTION

Mexican to Be Examined First by Physicians Representing the State.

INSANITY PLEA TO BE BALKED

Habeas Corpus to Save Mexican in Arizona Proves a Failure.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9.—Attorney general Wiley Jones is sending two physicians to Florence to examine Ramon Villalobos, under sentence to hang tomorrow.

This is in order to forestall any eleventh hour attempt to avoid the execution of Villalobos on the ground that he may be insane.

Board of Pardons Acts.

The state board of pardons and paroles issued a statement today that it would not interfere with the execution of Villalobos. The Carranza government appealed for delay on the ground that the condemned man did not have a fair trial.

This was the second of the last minute maneuvers to prevent the execution of Villalobos, who was one of the five Mexicans saved from the gallows last May by the intervention of Wm. J. Bryan, then secretary of state, and the Villa government at that time sought to delay.

The Carranza appeal, rejected today, was forwarded to governor J. G. W. P. Hunt by secretary of state Lansing without comment.

Habeas Corpus Fails.

An application for a writ of habeas corpus for Villalobos was denied by justice D. L. Cunningham, of the supreme court. It is possible, but not probable, that the matter will be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

The application was filed by Lincoln Clark, a young attorney at Florence. It is a strange coincidence that Clark was a member of the jury that convicted Villalobos. At that time he had not passed the bar examination.

Claims Two Judgments of Death.

Clark made the claim that there were two judgments of death against Villalobos. The first was issued by the board of pardons and paroles, shortly after conviction, and the second by the supreme court in dismissing a belated appeal. Clark asserted that the appeal was not in effect at the time Villalobos's crime was committed, and that the board of pardons had no jurisdiction in his case.

Justice Cunningham denied the writ because of insufficient grounds.

The board of pardons met yesterday and considered the Villalobos case, but found no reason for interfering with the execution set for Friday.

GERMANS TAKE FROM U. S. SHIP

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 9.—The Porto Rico liner Casino was stopped this morning by the French cruiser Des Cartes, which took four German firemen from the merchantman. Search lasted from 2 to 5:10 o'clock, the officers, crew and the entire list of passengers being examined. The Carolina was also searched.

Search for Consuls.

It is reported that the Des Cartes was looking for Waldemar Hepp, German consul at San Juan, and John Stuebe, the Austrian consul, who are now in New York.

Chief steward Schand of the Porto Rico liner Carolina, was taken from that vessel. The Commo and the Carolina are American steamships owned by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship company.

SAYS GERMANY IS PLANNING EXPEDITION AGAINST INDIA

London, Eng., Dec. 9.—Germany has abandoned her proposed invasion of Egypt in favor of a Turco-German expedition against India, says a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rome, quoting indirect advice from Constantinople.

The correspondent says:

The German project is to organize an army of 400,000 Turks with 100,000 Germans by rail and field marshal von der Goltz and an immense number of guns for an expedition in the spring, which will be preceded by a large Turkish advance guard which already is on the march to Baghdad. The Bulgarian army would undertake the capture of the Balkan lines of communication to insure supplies to the Germans in Asia.

MARFA SHERIFF AND EDITOR HERE.

Sheriff M. B. Chastain, of Marfa, and Dr. J. J. Hensley, editor of the Marfa Town Talk, returned Thursday morning from Manila, P. I., where they appeared as witnesses in the Salazar trial.

WHOLE TOWN IS ON FIRE, REPORTS STATE; NEIGHBORING FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND STATE MILITIA ORDERED OUT; POWDER FACTORY, LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE TOWN, NOT YET ATTACKED, ADVICES SAY; TELEGRAPHER DRIVEN OUT.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, the new Dupont powder factory town near Petersburg, was burning at 5 p. m. today. The last message to come out before wire communication was interrupted said the powder plant was not yet affected.

Fire fighting apparatus has been sent from Petersburg.

Richmond sent a complete fire company with apparatus by special train at 3:30 p. m. The appeal to Richmond for help said that the whole town is afire with the exception of the powder plant, which is located outside the town.

Rioting is Reported.

State troops were ordered to Hopewell late this afternoon. It was reported that rioting had broken out there.

At 2:40 p. m. the Western Union Telegraph operator wired goodbye; that the fire was driving him from his post. The Norfolk & Western railroad, he added, had loaded its office movables upon a train and was pulling out.

Four hotels are reported burned in addition to several other buildings. A brick wind is causing the flames to spread rapidly.

Riot Call Is Issued.

Governor Stuart, in response to urgent requests for troops to control the situation, which was characterized as frantic, ordered the Petersburg infantry company at once to the scene and a riot call was issued in Richmond, calling the local companies under arms in their armories.

The companies assembled will be rushed over by special trains.

ACCUSES GREECE STATE TO SELL 1,500,000 ACRES

Big Tracts of School Land in West Texas to Be Put on Market January 1.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 9.—Approximately 1,500,000 acres of school land will be placed on the market January 1, 1916, according to an announcement made by land commissioner J. T. Robinson. The commissioner has just issued a list of the lands, showing location and the price and class of the tracts.

Most Is in West Texas.

This is the 30th list issued by the land office. The great bulk of this land is situated in the western portion of Texas and is subject to actual settlement, but there are many acres on which actual settlement is not required. All applications for the purchase of this land must be made by mail to the commissioner of the general land office. After the date of purchase, the land is subject to taxation.

PRESIDENT AND MINORITY LEADER TALK OF DEFENCE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President Wilson and representative Mann, Republican leader of the house, conferred on preparedness today. The president expected that as a result Republican representatives will have a clearer idea of the administration defence plan.

Mr. Mann was assured, it was said at the White House, that there was no hostilities in the administration's program.

The Republican leader agreed with the president that the army and navy should be strengthened but reserved the right to oppose certain items in the plans.

TEXAS ELKS INCORPORATE "BIG BROTHER LOAN FUND."

Austin, Texas, Dec. 9.—There was filed today in the state department, articles of incorporation of the "Big Brothers Loan fund," an organization composed of members of the order of Elks in Texas, the purpose of which is the accumulating and loaning of funds to worthy students of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas, at a reasonable rate of interest. Dallas is made the headquarters of the corporation.

This has the cooperation and approval of the authorities of the University of Texas.

ROMANONES WILL FORM NEW SPANISH CABINET

Madrid, Spain, Dec. 9.—Count Alvaro de Romanones today was chosen by king Alfonso to form a new Spanish cabinet, which resigned Monday.

Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Dec. 9.—William Duncan, aged 24, a private of the Tenth cavalry (negro) was killed in a duel fought with another negro cavalryman in the early morning. Jealousy over a woman's affections is said to have been the cause.

From what can be learned, the men mounted their horses and, with drawn pistols rode toward each other, firing as they advanced. Duncan fell killed and his opponent is reported seriously wounded.

Post officers are making a thorough investigation of the shooting.

POPE CONFERS RED HATS ON NEWLY CHOSEN CARDINALS

Rome, Italy, Dec. 9.—In the presence of thousands of people, a public consistory was held by pope Benedict today in the Sala Regia.

The family of the pope, the Roman aristocracy, and members of the diplomatic corps occupied special tribunes, as did Francesco de la Barra, a former provisional president of Mexico.

The pontiff appearing to be vigorous and in good health, conferred red hats on the newly created cardinals.

Who Will Join The Sweater Club?

THE EL PASO HERALD has accepted the pleasurable task of raising money to buy sweaters for the 24 little boys and girls in the Rescue Home. It is also hoped to raise \$100 to build them a place to play, that they may be protected from the rains and cold in winter and the hot sun in summer.

These little children are all Americans, they are fatherless or motherless, they need warm clothing that they may play out in the sunshine and air and grow up to be healthy. The matron says sweaters are the best garments they can have. The Herald is going to see that they get these and it hopes to see that they get the playground also. Will you help?

Fill in the coupon below and send your check or money to The Herald:

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Address _____

Amount contributed _____

Acknowledgments will be made daily.

Previously reported _____ \$7.00

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Mrs. R. B. Stevens _____ \$10.00

Allen Martin Hunter _____ \$15.50

Hubert Shipley Hunter _____ \$15.50

Nondace Lenora Basswell _____ \$15.50

Anonymous _____ \$1.00

Mrs. W. H. Bingham _____ \$1.00

Mrs. E. V. Carlton _____ \$2.00

O. A. Critchett _____ \$2.00

Mrs. John Harm _____ \$2.00

An Army to Force Peace for the United States

THE HERALD will tomorrow publish the annual report of the secretary of war detailing his plans for an army sufficiently large to assure peace for the United States. It is a document that every citizen should read.

Not only will the report be of interest to the layman, but it will be of particular interest to the army, because the details of organization proposed by the secretary—which congress will likely carry out—will be printed. A careful synopsis has been prepared of all recommendations concerning the army by a man thoroughly posted on army affairs, and The Herald will guarantee that the report will be one of the most satisfactory in point of conveying information to military men of any that will be printed in the United States. Details regarding the proposed increase in the army, what it will consist of, how officers are to be secured, dispositions of present posts in the United States, increases in the different branches of the service, division formations, etc., will appear in concise, clear form.

All the Children in the Rescue Home Are Americans and they Need Your Help